

REMARKS

Claims 27-28 and 30-36 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 27, 32 and 33 are amended and claim 29 is canceled. No new matter is added.

Applicant appreciates the courtesy shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Tran in the May 19 personal interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 9-11, 13, 17, and 19-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,295,136B1 to Ono et al. Additionally, claims 4-8, 12, 14-16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ono et al. in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As discussed, claim 27 is supported by, for example, page 14 of the specification. See also page 15, lines 9-21 and page 16, line 20 to page 17, line 4 and Figs. 3 and 5. The claimed "set data" corresponds, for example, to the data set in window 20 in Fig. 3. The claimed "special set data" corresponds, for example, to the data set in window 30 in Fig. 5. In claim 27, the second window (i.e., window 30), indicating the special set data, is displayed, after a user activates the second window via a selection in the first window and when the printer driver starts operating. The "activation" feature is supported, for example, by the window 22 in Fig. 3 being checked by the user. See also page 15, lines 9-21. Independent claims 32 and 33 are similar to claim 27.

The Office Action alleges that dialogue box DB1 (Fig. 5 of Ono) and dialogue box DB2 (Fig. 6 of Ono) correspond to Applicant's first and second windows. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

As discussed, Ono teaches that the dialogue box DB2 shown in Fig. 6 is displayed when the More Settings button E15 in the dialogue box DB1 shown in Fig. 5 is clicked. See col. 11, lines 40-65 of Ono. This is contrary to claim 27 because it is not independent of the

first window, but requires selection within the first window to direct each opening of the second window. With the claim 27 structure, upon activation, such as by selection of box 22 in Fig. 3, the second window will be displayed whenever the printer driver starts operating.

Accordingly, it does not require display of the first display each time the second display is displayed and is thus independent of display of the first display.

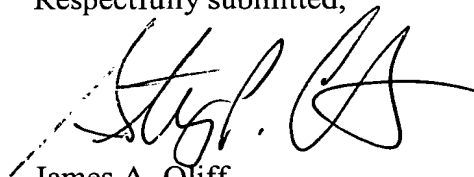
As agreed upon, Ono fails to teach each and every feature of independent claim 27 as amended. Accordingly, claim 27 and claims dependent therefrom are not anticipated by Ono. Independent claim 32 directed to a recording medium is similarly allowable since it includes a program that performs the method of claim 27. Printing processor claim 33 is similarly allowable since it includes the first and second windows and a control means that controls display of the second window upon activation when the printer driver starts operating.

The above independent claims are also not obvious from Ono, even if combined with the AAPA, since the AAPA fails to overcome the deficiencies of Ono with respect to independent claims 27, 32 and 33. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 27-36 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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